

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 12 as follows:

As is apparent from the above, an indispensable characteristic of a detection chip is regular arrangement, on the surface of a support of the detection chip, of a large number of detection spots each of containing different components as compared to each other. Therefore, an important task during fabrication of such a detection chip is to spot at high density a large number of detection spots containing different components. In general, a spotting scheme utilizing a spotter is employed for formation of detection spots.